PASTORAL CARE:
VALUES IN ACTION

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• The reorientation of education to create a better world is truly urgent.
  
  Koichuro Matsuura, Director General of UNESCO

• Everyone thinks of changing the world. No-one thinks of changing himself.
  
  Tolstoy
Paving the Way to Values Education (PAVE) DEST

Links to National Initiatives
• National Safe Schools Framework
• National School Drug Education Strategy
• MindMatters
• Educating for a Sustainable Future
• Dare to Lead
• Discovering Democracy
• Living in Harmony
• Asia Education Foundation

• And State & Territory Curricula
Board of Studies NSW

Domains including:
- Cultural exchange
- Student welfare
- Human rights
- Community partnerships
- Leadership
- Curriculum
Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps a bird will come.

*Chinese proverb*
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I do not seek, I find.  

Pablo Picasso

The hardest thing to see is what is in front of you.  

Goethe

As you grow older, I think you should put your arms around each other more.  

Barbara Bush
Grinding road or opportunity?
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Mandatory & legislative requirements including
- The nine values for Australian Schooling

Community Cultural & Social contexts including
- The School’s mission & ethos

Research & policy including
- Community & individual wellbeing

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- Domains, pedagogies, programs & practices
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Key research focusing on Community & individual wellbeing

- Risk and Protective factors
- Resilience
Risk & Protective factors

- bullying
- peer rejection
- poor attachment to school
- inadequate behaviour management
- deviant peer group
- school failure

- sense of belonging
- positive school climate
- pro-social peer group
- required helpfulness
- opportunities for success & recognition of achievement
- norms against violence

From Commonwealth Health & Aged Care 2000, Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention for Mental Health; a monograph.
Protective processes that Facilitate Resilience

• Increase pro-social bonding
• Set clear, consistent boundaries
• Teach “life skills”
• Provide caring & support
• Set & communicate high expectations
• Provide opportunities for meaningful participation

Henderson & Milstein
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Tired or energized?

sometimes in meetings I get so tired I can't even keep my eyes pointing in the same direction.
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- Care and compassion
- Understanding/tolerance/inclusion
- Doing your best
- Fair go
- Freedom
- Honesty and trustworthiness
- Integrity
- Respect
- Responsibility

The 4 Rs ?????????????????????????
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Relationships, Respect, Responsibility and Renewal through

- Care and compassion
- Understanding/tolerance/inclusion
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Focus on Respect

- Care and compassion
- Understanding/tolerance/inclusion
- Fair go
- Freedom
- Honesty and trustworthiness
- Integrity
- Respect
- Responsibility
Focus on Valuing Respect
in the domains of

- Citizenship
- Academic care
- Environment
- Leadership
- Parent education
- Community standards
- Cultural literacy
- Use of technology
- Mental health
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Focus on Responsibility

- Care and compassion
- Understanding/tolerance/inclusion
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Focus on Valuing Responsibility
in the domains of

- Ethical decision making
- Citizenship
- Environment
- Leadership
- Child protection
- Use of technology
- Mandated policies
- Community service
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Focus on Relationships

- Care and compassion
- Understanding/tolerance/inclusion
- Fair go
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- Integrity
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Focus on Valuing Relationships in the domains of
- Family and school
- Child protection
- Parent education
- Community groups
- Cultural literacy
- Health services
- Use of technology
- Mental health
- Social justice
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Focus on Renewal

- Care and compassion
- Understanding/tolerance/inclusion
- Doing your best
- Honesty and trustworthiness
- Integrity
- Respect
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Focus on Valuing Renewal
in the domains of

- Ethical decision making
- Research
- Professional development
- Resilience
- Social justice
- Staff & student wellbeing
- Environment
- Community service
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Programs & practices for academic care, counselling, transitions, parent education, worship, assemblies, seminars, mediation, conflict resolution, peer support, philanthropy, leadership, students at risk, mentoring, structures & staffing, community groups, health services, use of technology, monitoring mental health, social justice, cross age support, connectedness, advocacy, critical incident management, discipline, sex & drug education.
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Valuing Pastoral Care

Individual, School & Community Development
Are the outcomes intellectual

Let's see now... in a true or false test, the first question is almost always 'true'... That means the next one will be false to sort of balance the true one... the next one will also be false to break the pattern...

Then another true and then two more false ones and then three true's in a row... they always have three true's in a row some place... then another false and another true...

If you're smart, you can pass a true or false test without being smart!
or deeply personal?

Guess who’s watching?
Perspectives

- The child of the media age is born to a pluralistic society where, by definition, no set of values is said to have official sanction

Glenn Cupit
Paying more specific attention to moral education is probably the best way of caring for children in the media age.

Norman Alford
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*Chinese proverb*
Will the bird come to the tree?

- Implicit values: demonstrated through models, structures, procedures, policies
- Explicit values: expressed in assemblies, documents, meetings, classrooms
- Complicit values: reflected in what is allowed to happen
Will the bird come to the tree?

- Complicit values: reflected in what is allowed to happen
- Look for lack of congruence between explicit and implicit values
Will the bird come to the tree?

Complicit values?
• Is there a balance between responsibility and renewal in discipline procedures?
• Is there respect for intellectual debate around values & their sources?
• What do the power relationships say about social justice?
• Is punctuality more important than family responsibility?
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*Chinese proverb*

Tell me, I forget
Show me, I remember
Involve me, I understand

*Chinese proverb*
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Enhancing community and individual wellbeing through

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Relationships
- Renewal
The challenge is in the moment; 
the time is always now.

James Baldwin